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## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 395 thousand head on November 1, 1999, 4 percent above last month, but 1 percent below November 1998. During October, placements of 67.0 thousand head were 12 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 47.0 thousand head were 6 percent below October 1998. Other disappearance totaled 5.00 thousand head.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 6 PERCENT

U.S. cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 11.46 million head on November 1, 1999. The inventory was 6 percent above November 1, 1998 and 4 percent above November 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 3.09 million, 9 percent above 1998 and up 6 percent from 1997. Net placements were 3.01 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600

pounds were 1.02 million, 600-699 pounds were 797 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 687 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 588 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.83 million, 3 percent above 1998 and 1 percent above 1997. Other disappearance totaled 80.0 thousand during October, 54 percent above 1998, but 12 percent below 1997.

## CATTLE ON FEED UP 6 PERCENT IN THE HISTORIC SEVEN-MONTHLY STATES

Cattle on feed in 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 9.77 million head on November 1, 1999 for the historic seven states. This was up 6 percent from the previous year and 4 percent above November 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.61 million, 9 percent above 1998 and 6 percent above 1997. Marketings during October totaled 1.56 million, 1 percent above both 1998 and 1997. Other disappearance during October was 63.0 thousand head, 40 percent above 1998, but 18 percent below 1997.

## CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS FOR THE SEVEN-SELECTED STATES

State	Number on feed October 1 <sup>1/</sup>			Placed During October		Marketed During October	
	1998	1999	1999/1998	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	201	208	103	27	48	20	15
California	395	380	96	60	67	50	47
Colorado	1,000	1,070	107	345	360	170	205
Iowa	260	315	121	74	84	37	53
Kansas	2,090	2,240	107	540	550	360	380
Nebraska	1,760	1,900	108	600	690	320	330
Texas	2,670	2,670	100	750	810	580	530
Seven-State Total	8,376	8,783	105	2,396	2,609	1,537	1,560
State	Other Disappearance During October <sup>2/</sup>		Number on Feed November 1		1999/1998		
	1998	1999	1998	1999			
	Thousand Head				Percent		
Arizona	3	2	205	239	117		
California	5	5	400	395	99		
Colorado	5	5	1,170	1,220	104		
Iowa	2	1	295	345	117		
Kansas	10	20	2,260	2,390	106		
Nebraska	10	10	2,030	2,250	111		
Texas	10	20	2,830	2,930	104		
Seven-State Total	45	63	9,190	9,769	106		

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

## CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California production of red meat during October 1999 totaled 89.2 million pounds (dressed weight), 1 percent above last month, but 3 percent below October 1998. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In October 1999, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,251 pounds; calves, 146 pounds; and hogs, 214 pounds.

### U.S. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER OCTOBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM 1998 VEAL AND LAMB & MUTTON SET RECORD LOWS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.00 billion pounds in October. This was down 1 percent from the 4.03 billion pounds produced in October 1998.

October 1998 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. October 1999 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.09 million head, up 1 percent from 1998. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year to 1,213 pounds.

Veal production totaled 19.0 million pounds, 12 percent below the record low for October set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 105 thousand head, down 16 percent from October 1998. The average live weight, at 298 pounds, was 16 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.95 million head, 4 percent below 1998. The average live weight, at 259 pounds, was 2 pounds above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 20.0 million pounds, was down 4 percent from the record low for October set last year. Sheep slaughter totaled 305 thousand head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.

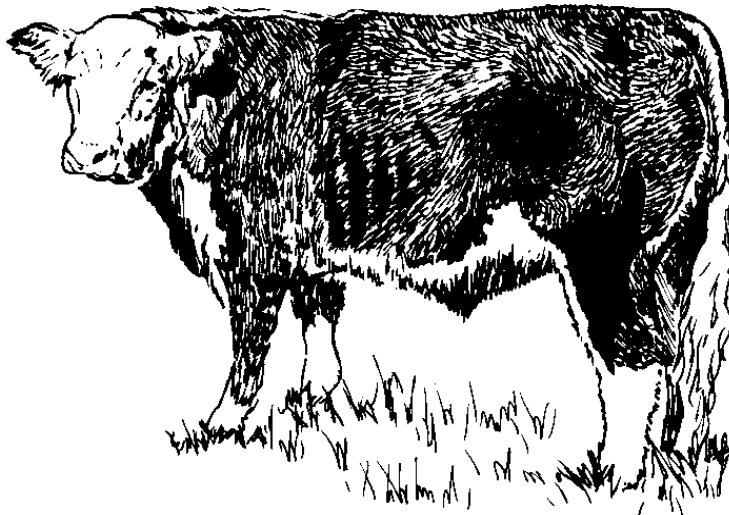
January - October red meat production was 38.4 billion pounds, 2 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 3 percent higher than last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 2 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 4 percent.

### OCTOBER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Thousand Head		Thousand Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	88.0	86.2	110,036	107,801	1,250	1,251
U.S. Total	3,054.5	3,094.5	3,707,605	3,754,951	1,214	1,213
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	13.8	12.9	1,688	1,888	122	146
U.S. Total	125.0	104.8	35,237	31,249	282	298
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	323.3	304.8	41,159	39,756	127	130
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	203.7	193.6	42,981	41,416	211	214
U.S. Total	9,351.5	8,946.6	2,402,301	2,316,801	257	259
<b>RED MEAT</b>	October 1998	September 1999 2/	October 1999	Oct. 99 Oct. 98	Oct. 99 Sept. 99	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	92.4	87.9	89.2	97	101	
U.S. Total	4,034.8	3,934.2	4,001.0	99	102	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised U.S. total.



**AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/**

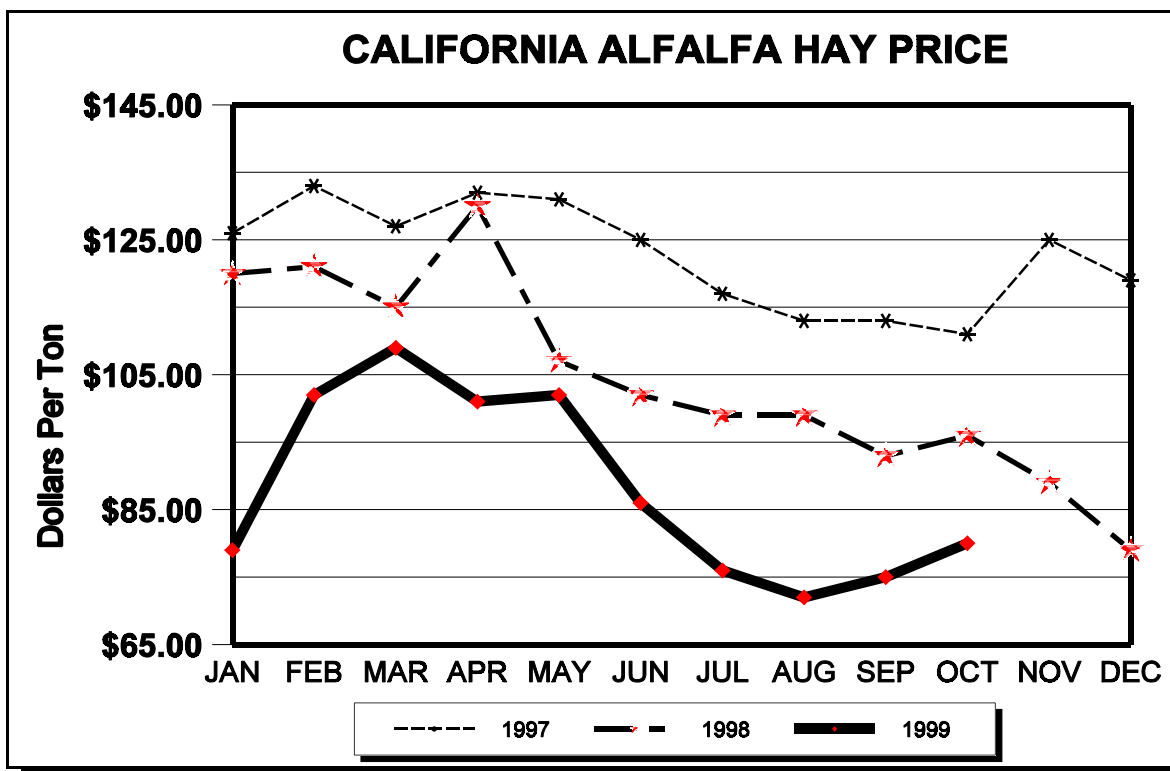
Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		October 1998	Sept. 1999	Oct. 15, 1999	October 1998	Sept. 1999	Oct. 15, 1999
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	93.00	74.00	77.00	83.80	74.50	73.70
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	96.00	75.00	80.00	86.90	77.30	76.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	27.80	33.70	34.10
Cows 2/	Cwt.	30.00	34.50	33.00	30.50	34.60	34.50
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	60.00	64.50	67.00	61.40	67.10	70.10
Calves 2/	Cwt.	70.00	81.50	80.00	75.70	90.90	92.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	26.50	28.00	27.00	26.10	29.20	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	71.00	77.50	73.00	67.60	75.30	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	1,310.00	---	1,470.00	1,180.00	---	1,380.00
Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	18.08	14.51	13.80	17.70	15.80	15.50

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.



SOURCE: California Agricultural Statistics Service